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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Overt Operational Liaison

1. The attached paper is beamed at three things:
 - a. Decentralization of control of overt operational liaison with the Department of State and the Department of Defense to the Assistant Director level,
 - b. Spelling out of certain exceptions, and
 - c. Interoffice coordination in connection with (a).
2.
 - a. In the exceptions, over-all liaison control for certain matters is spelled out for the General Counsel, I&S, the Comptroller, and Personnel Director.
 - b. There is no mention of other administrative liaison responsibilities nor of special controls required by OCI in its field.
 - c. No special provision is included to exempt liaison with the White House and the National Security Council from OCD control.
3. It is not apparent from the attached papers whether it is the intent to leave Administrative Instructions 50-5 and 50-19 in effect.
4. In a proposed Intraoffice Operating Procedure, provision is made for cross-checking between OSI, OCI, and ORR prior to establishing operational liaison. No provision is included, however, for checking with OCD (our central information repository) to determine whether information desired is already available in our records.
5. While the subject of the study is "overt operational liaison" there is no definition of the term.

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